

CRISP CITY ITEMS.

BITS OF NEWS GLEANED BY OUR REPORTERS.

Notes About Our Friends and Their Movements—Minor Local Happenings.

Rev. J. B. Laurens (Uncle Larry), of Ashland, is confined to his room.

Captain F. W. Cunningham will sing at Grace-Street Baptist church to-night.

J. Lee Davis, Esq., leaves this morning to spend several days in Washington.

Miss Lucy Webb, of Norfolk, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ladd, 912 east Clay street.

Miss Howard and Miss Mary Macleod Howard left for New York yesterday morning.

Rev. J. P. Gammon has gone to Lynchburg to assist Rev. Mr. Hall in a series of meetings.

Mr. W. J. Hartman, of the Westinghouse Air-Brake Company, is at Ford's Hotel for a few days.

Miss Lucy W. Webb, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. B. F. Ladd, No. 912 east Clay street.

Mr. Charles E. Traylor, of 501 south Pine street, who has been sick about seven weeks, is still very ill.

Mr. T. H. Elliott, of Grove-Avenue church, has endowed a room in the Baptist Home for Aged Women.

Miss Birdie Jones, of west Grace street, is visiting her brother, Mr. George W. Jones, of Atlanta, Ga.

The Jefferson Literary and Social Circle will give an informal hop at Masonic Temple Wednesday, February 8th.

Miss Bertha C. Boutwell, of Baltimore, is in the city on a visit to friends, and is stopping at 101 north Eighth street.

Miss Effie Beale Ware, of Washington, D. C., is the guest of Miss Annie H. Maury, No. 316 east Franklin street.

Miss Bertha Beck, of Hammondport, N. Y., is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Charles L. Butler, No. 513 north Twenty-ninth street.

Miss Ellora E. Chapin and her sister, Mrs. C. Colton Chapin, will be "at home" Tuesday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Mr. W. H. Brauer and son Frank, of Gloversville, N. Y., are being entertained by Dr. and Mrs. George Cooper.

Mrs. George A. Cunningham has returned from Washington, where she was called to the funeral of her brother, who died a few days since.

Rev. Jabez Hall will commence a series of sermons at the Seventh-Street Christian church this morning on the "Coming of the Lord."

Mr. William Ryan, of the State, left the city yesterday at noon, via the Danville railroad, for a visit of a few days to friends in Portland, Maine.

Mr. William G. Hammett, who was paralyzed about four months ago, is getting along so well that he is now out on the streets walking around.

Mr. I. C. Boughn, of Providence, R. I., has sent the Dispatch a curious bird which was killed at that place. It appears to be a molting robin.

The Drug Clerks' Association will have a called meeting Tuesday night at 9:30 o'clock at the store of Polk Miller & Co., Ninth and Main streets.

Mrs. Polk Miller, of Bon Air, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Virginia Lee, spent last week with Mrs. Percy Montague, 18 west Grace street.

Mrs. James W. Wymack, of Prince George county, is on a visit to her daughters, Mrs. J. W. Brunet and Mrs. Charles Riley, 1210 east Marshall street.

Deputy United States Marshal Ballard has gone to Westmoreland county to take charge of a negro mail-robber who has been arrested for robbing the mails.

Mr. Charles S. Taylor, a fireman on the Chesapeake and Ohio road, who has been laid up for several weeks with a severe attack of bronchitis, is slowly improving.

In the Chancery Court yesterday Mrs. Helen A. Adam qualified as executrix of Richard Adam. The estate, which is valued at \$25,000, is left to his wife in fee-simple.

Mr. Haddon S. Watkins has been elected a member of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Grain and Cotton Exchange in place of Mr. Fred W. Scott, resigned.

At 7:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, at St. Peter's Cathedral, Mr. Walter B. Francis and Miss Annie E. Solari, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Solari, will be united in marriage.

Miss Martha Page Cox, of Winter-pock, Va., who spent her vacation at home, has returned to No. 207 west Clay street and resumed her studies at Miss Mary Johnson's school.

Mrs. Gns. F. Delarue and daughter, of Ashland, who have been spending several days at her brother's, 517 west Clay street, have returned home. Miss Irma will spend several weeks.

Judge N. S. Turnbull, of Brunswick county, who has been in the city since Wednesday visiting his sister, Mrs. John Jackson, leaves to-day for Emporia, where he holds court on Monday.

One evidence of the bad effect that the late cold snap had upon business here is found in the fact that the sale of stamps at the post-office for January last was \$1,000 less than for January, 1892.

Grand Chancellor Isaac Diggs, of West Point, will pay Syracuse Lodge, No. 5, Knights of Pythias, an official visit Monday night. Several candidates are expected for initiation and degrees.

Mr. John E. Burke, of the firm of Green, Burke & Gregory, Norfolk, arrived here last evening to attend the State Council of the Catholic Knights of America, representing Norfolk Branch, 159.

Mr. Ad. Dill has recently purchased from the kennels of Mr. J. Shelly Hudson, of Covington, Ky., a very valuable English setter. The sire of the dog is the noted Gladstone's Boy and the dam is Bessie Marshall.

August Dietz, Esq., late of the Old Dominion Printing Company, has left for Washington, D. C., where he will take charge of the designing and engraving department of the Art Printing-House of McGill & Wallace.

The West-End Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold its regular meeting at the Young Men's Christian Association Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as there will be business of importance.

Mr. James L. Armstrong, formerly of this city, now secretary and resident engineer of the Union railroad, Memphis, Tenn., will leave there temporarily for New Orleans to take charge of a survey for a bridge over the Mississippi river at that place.

The annual trials of the Southern Field-Trial Club will begin at New Albany, Miss., on next Monday. Lora, Miss Ruby and Antelope, the famous field-trial winners, grand-daughters of Trunket, will contest for the honors on this interesting occasion.

The London Financial News of recent date says: Mr. W. W. Belvin, of New York, is in London endeavoring to get up a syndicate for the purchase of the Carrara marble-quarries, with a view to the formation of an English company on a large scale. Subscriptions to the

syndicate are being privately invited, and the capital of the company is to be \$3,000,000.

The annual convention of the Catholic Knights of America will be held in the Elysium Hall, on Marshall street near Ninth, Monday, beginning at 12 o'clock. The session will end on Monday night, when a banquet will be tendered the delegates at Murphy's Hotel.

Miss Ruth May Atkinson gave her friends a very pleasant little birthday party on Friday night. The time was very pleasantly spent with music, games, and singing. Miss Frosda Jacobs and Miss Lelia Atkinson presiding at the piano. Refreshments were served.

The Thurman Democratic Club will attend the Cleveland inauguration in a body. They expect to charter a boat and go via the water. They will give a ball at Old-Market Hall on the night of February 14th (St. Valentine's Day) to assist in raising funds to pay the expenses of the trip.

An adjourned meeting of ladies and gentlemen interested in the formation of a charity-organization society will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association building to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. All concerned are invited to attend, as the plan of organization will be presented by the committee which was appointed to prepare it.

Miss Jessie Jones, of south Third street, gave a *bel prandre* Friday evening. Among those present were Misses Jessie Jones, Myra Jones, Florence Jones, Lyle Tyler, Ida Bergamin, George Wilson, Florence Wilson, Josie Delaney, Miss Delaney, Cary Nebel, Virginia Allen, Grace Cunningham, Katie Jones, and Ruth Tanner, and Messrs. Stuart Bowe, Samuel Tyler, Edwin Tanner, Jim Tyler, W. T. Bohng, F. W. Allen, and Joe Stines.

At the last meeting of Charity Lodge, No. 587, I. O. G. T., the following officers were installed for the ensuing term: C. C. Chapin, John Mason, Vice-Templar, Miss Maggie Martin; Secretary, S. F. Curry; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Ida E. Curry; Financial Secretary, R. Eugene Snelling; Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Snelling; Marshal, Lewis Wassner; Deputy Marshal, Miss Ellen Taylor; Guard, Mrs. S. O. Snelling; Sentinel, J. W. Williams; Chaplain, A. B. Cheatham.

Guests at Gotham Hotels. (Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

New York, February 4.—J. T. Anderson, Imperial; A. T. Miller, Union Square, and J. A. Mannery, Astor.

DEATH OF MR. BENNETT.

The Well-Known Tobaccoist Passes Away—Other Deaths.

Mr. Orange Bennett, one of the oldest residents of this city, died suddenly last night at his residence, No. 811 east Grace street. The deceased was in his 82d year, and during the greater part of his long and useful life he was engaged in the tobacco business in this city. For many years he was a member of the firm of L. J. Grant & Co., born and raised in Richmond, he grew up with the city, and its interests and its people were always close to his heart. He was a man of warm, generous impulses, and during the war no one but himself knew his many noble charities to those who did not possess the means he enjoyed. He was a man of unswerving business integrity.

Mr. Bennett was perhaps the oldest Mason in the city, and in his fraternity he was held in the highest esteem and was always the recipient of outspoken affection. He was one of the first members of Trinity church and at the time of his death was one of the trustees.

The deceased leaves four children—one son, Mr. James H. Bennett, and three daughters, Mrs. R. T. Alvey and Mrs. Burnett Lewis, of this city, and Mrs. Joseph E. Dickerson, of Asheville, N. C.

The arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Mrs. Louise W. Knight, wife of Mr. Wray T. Knight, chief clerk in the money-order department of the Richmond post-office, died early yesterday morning at her residence, No. 100 north Ninth street. The deceased was a daughter of the late J. M. Talbot, and was in the 35th year of her age. She was held in the highest esteem for several years, and since April last, when she had a very severe hemorrhage, her strength had failed steadily. Mrs. Knight was a model wife and mother and a lady of lovely character. She bore her sufferings, which at times were great, with heroic courage. It was a great trial for her to give up her five bright and intelligent children, and the end drew nigh she became perfectly resigned to leave them in the hands of the Lord. The funeral will take place from the house at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Dr. Cooper officiating. The interment will be made in Hollywood.

Captain Frederick L. Swift, who was for a long time book-keeper for the firm of Elison & Harvey, died at the hotel for the sick last evening, at the 78th year of his age. The funeral will take place from Monumental church to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock, and the remains will be interred at Hollywood cemetery.

Mrs. Emily W. Lambert, wife of Mr. William A. Lambert, died Friday night at the residence of her husband, No. 709 Catharine street. The deceased was 53 years of age. The funeral will be from the residence at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

About the Good Templars.

The usual Friday-night sessions of Sidney Lodge, No. 428 Independent Order of Good Templars, have lost none of their attractions. The officers for the current quarter were duly inducted into office by the lodge deputy. Four initiations were impressively disposed of, several propositions for membership acted upon, and reports of officers and committees received and filed. At the end of each quarter the roster is gone carefully over and all members in arrears are suspended. Sometimes, as now, the suspended list is large and frequently outnumbers the acquisition side.

The reports for the quarter ending January 31st were gratifying, showing that the membership and finances were on a solid basis, and that a revival of interest was clearly manifest. On next Friday night an interesting and entertaining programme will be rendered, containing not less than twenty numbers, to which tickets can be easily procured. A meeting of the Grand Lodge Committee will be held on Monday night at Rescue Lodge, I. O. G. T., to which the members of said committee are cordially invited by the chairman, and a full attendance is earnestly desired.

Friends' Orphan Asylum.

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of this institution, of which Rev. J. H. Holmes is president and W. P. Epps secretary, was held last week. The expenses for the year, including an indebtedness of \$101.06, were \$293.22, and the amount collected during the year was \$275.16. There are now sixteen inmates, or three less than a year ago. One was entered during the year, one died, two were taken away, and one left.

A Clever Minstrel Show.

That was a clever minstrel show given at the Theatre last night by Primrose & West's company. The singing was sweet, the jokes crisp, the dancing good, and the specialties very entertaining.

Office of McDonough & Ballantyne, Liverpool, Ga., April 14, 1892.

Messrs. Lippman Brothers, Savannah, Ga.:

Gentlemen:—I beg to say my testimony to the fact that you have been a sufferer for years with Rheumatism, and could get no relief from any source. I took a couple of courses of your P. P. P., and was cured. I most heartily recommend it to all sufferers.

Yours truly, T. Ballantyne, of McDonough & Ballantyne.

THE PICKETT DEAD.

REMAINS REMOVED FROM THE OLD GRAVE-YARD.

Obliterating an Old East-End Landmark—Legislative and Civil Power Necessary.

The work of removing the bodies from the old Pickett burying-ground, on Marshall street between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, to Hollywood was completed Wednesday. The Pickett burying-ground adjoins the old Adams, better known as the Carrington burying-ground, and from the latter the remains were removed to Hollywood over a year ago. The disinterment of the bodies in the Pickett addition was the last step towards obliterating one of the most prominent landmarks in the East End, for in the spring the area embraced in the two cemeteries will be sold for building-lots.

The Adams and Pickett burying-grounds were in what is known as the Adams addition to Richmond. Colonel Richard Adams, the elder, was a very wealthy man and a large importer. The family-seat was a house which is now a part of the Academy of Visitation, on Grace street between Twenty-second and Twenty-third streets. The first Colonel Adams died in 1800, and by his will Colonel Richard Adams, Jr., became possessed of all his city property. Colonel Richard Adams, Jr., who died in 1817, directed in his will that one half acre of ground, including the then family cemetery be set apart for family burial purposes, and that it be enclosed with a brick wall and this ground be devised to his nephews and nieces. The first interment in the original burying-ground seems to have been made about 1757.

THE PICKETT PURCHASE.

In 1824 the Pickett heirs purchased from the estate of Richard Adams, Jr., a piece of ground adjoining the Adams burying-ground to be used as a place of interment for the Pickett family, and here were buried, among others, General William Lambert, at one time Mayor of Richmond, and the father and mother of General George E. Pickett. In course of time the search of improvement brought these two cemeteries into the heart of the East End and they became very much neglected. The heirs of each family decided that it would be advisable to remove the remains, but this was not a thing that could be done out of hand.

LEGISLATURE AND COURTS.

Nowhere else in this country, perhaps, are burying-grounds so sacredly held by law as in Virginia. In order to proceed both through the General Assembly and the courts. The Carrington or Adams heirs took the initiative and secured the passage by the Legislature of an act "providing for the removal of remains interred in grave-yards and sale of lands vacated by such removal." This act, after directing the removal of the remains of Pickett, in course of the grave-yard the owners or trustees shall file a bill in equity in the Circuit Court of the county or the Circuit or Corporation Court of the corporation in which the grave-yard may lie and obtain an order of court, makes the following stringent provisions:

"The court shall have power to have the removal made and the remains properly deposited in another place, and to make sale of the grounds vacated by the removal, and to have the costs of removal and restoration, including the costs of the new places of interment and of putting it in all respects in suitable condition and erecting upon it suitable monuments and cost of such, paid out of the proceeds of the sale. Such removal shall be done with due care and decency. But the court shall not order such removal and reinterment until due and sufficient guarantee be given that the proceeds of the sale of the grounds vacated by the removal will be sufficient to meet all the costs that may be incurred, unless some party of the cause or other person shall give security to make good any defect."

A FRIENDLY SUIT.

In accordance with the requirements of the act the heirs then instituted a friendly suit in the Chancery Court of the city of Richmond and got the necessary permission for the removal. In the Adams or Carrington burying-ground their remains were deposited, and upon their removal to Hollywood they were reinterred with religious ceremonies. The act of the Legislature was a general one, opening the way for all such cases, and therefore the Pickett heirs made up a similar case in court to that of the Carrington heirs, and also obtained permission for removal. There were three Pickett grave-yards, and the bodies, which have been placed in the receiving-vault at Hollywood for the present.

A VAULT TO BE BUILT.

It is proposed to build in Hollywood a Pickett vault, and then reinter the remains with simple burial services. The tombstones removed from the old grave-yard will be used to cap the vault.

General Lambert, as above stated, was Mayor of the city. He was also a militia general and quite a character during his day. He was buried in an iron casket, and although the interment took place over forty years ago, it was said that those who knew him in life would now recognize him. The body of one in what is known as an adipocere condition. The eyes have sunk, but the skin and hair are very natural. The other coffins had to be handled with great care.

Crimes and Casualties.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

ATLANTA, Ga., February 4.—Mrs. M. G. Allen, a young woman of good family, committed suicide here to-night by throwing herself in front of a moving train. She has been insane for several weeks.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—Secretary Noble to-day received the following telegram from Inspector Disney, at Pine Ridge Agency, S. D.: "It is reported by a policeman that three white men have been murdered and one mortally wounded at the beef-contractor's camp, about twenty-eight miles from the agency on this reserve. Captain Brown is making efforts to capture the murderers, who are supposed to be Indians. No further trouble is anticipated."

NEW ORLEANS, La., February 4.—George Goodrich, a colored middle-weight, was instantly killed in the ring last night by Joe Green. It was long after midnight. The fight was one of a series given in Duffy's arena under the direction of the celebrated referee. In the second round of the fight Goodrich ducked a blow and slipped on the bloody stage. He fell first on his groin, then on his neck, and died instantly. The men battled from Louisville.

STRAZBURG, N. Y., February 4.—A horrible casualty occurred in the Tenth Ward about 7:40 o'clock this morning. Near the State pump-house, at the foot of Emerson avenue, a Central Hudson passenger train, west bound, ran down six men. Three were killed outright and three injured. One died at the hospital, another is dying, and a third was seriously hurt. The men were all employed as section hands on the Central Hudson railroad. They were walking on the track going to a point near the soda ash works to make make some repairs on the track. It was very cold, and wind and snow were blowing furiously from over the lake. Foreman Maroney says half a minute before they were run down he turned

around to see if a train was coming but saw none. Very shortly afterwards he heard an engine bell and looking around saw the passenger train bearing down on them. He yelled to the men down on the track, and they jumped from the track, and as he did so the cylinder-box of the engine struck him on the hip. In a second the other men were flying through the air in all directions.

OHAMA, Neb., February 4.—A special train from Chandra, Neb., arrived here last night and now do fly arrest by the Indian police. The killing took place at Humphrey's ranch, near the mouth of White Clay creek. Humphrey's ranch is about twenty miles northwest of Pine-Ridge Agency and fifteen miles directly west of the Wounded Knee battle-ground of two years ago.

YOUR UNCLE GROVER.

Among Others He Receives a Number of Virginians.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

New York, February 4.—President-elect Grover Cleveland has been the greater part of the afternoon with ex-Secretary Fairchild. About 3 o'clock Don M. Dickinson arrived and joined them.

Others who dropped in during the afternoon were Colonel Joseph Keller and Colonel Pepper and R. W. Marshall and James Keefe of Virginia. Mr. Dickinson remained but a few minutes and then left for home.

Previous to his arrival ex-Mayor Grace and Oswald Ottendorfer were with the President-elect and ex-Secretary Fairchild for about three quarters of an hour. Colonel Daniel Lamont and Senator McClelland were also among Mr. Cleveland's afternoon callers.

Mr. Cleveland left for Lakewood at the 4:20 train.

MR. BAYARD AGAIN.

New York, February 4.—Mr. Cleveland's principal visitor to-day was ex-Secretary Bayard, who came to town last night. He did not reach Mr. Cleveland's office in the Mills building, until after noon, and those who inquired for him at his hotel were informed that he had gone away soon after breakfast.

Mr. Bayard's interview with the President-elect is believed to have had an important bearing on the selection of the members of the Cabinet, and in making matters of the matter Bayard has been sought by Mr. Cleveland.

Other matters of public interest, it is said, were discussed, including the Hawaiian and silver questions. After the meeting with Senators Carlisle and Gorman yesterday the final conference with Mr. Bayard to-day has much significance. It is said that Mr. Bayard will spend Sunday with Mr. Cleveland at Lakewood.

COLONY OF BOHEMIANS.

To Locate in Dinwiddie County—Land Purchased.

(By telegram to the Dispatch.)

BALTIMORE, Md., February 4.—Anthony Kozel and Frank Laver, of Chicago, passing through this city on their way to Petersburg, stopped here to-day to complete the purchase of 5,000 acres of land in Dinwiddie county, where they will locate 300 families of Bohemians (2,000 people, all told) who are at present farming in far western States, but who seek a milder climate.

Losses by Fire.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., February 4.—The rolling-mills of Harris Forge Milling Company, at Irondele, were burned last night. Loss, \$125,000; insurance, \$80,000.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., February 4.—A fire started in the Deland Chemical Works, at Fairport, shortly before 8 o'clock this morning, and at 12 o'clock the plant had been destroyed, entailing a loss of \$10,000.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 4.—A fire early this morning at the Twenty-fifth Ward gas works totally destroyed the purifying house and two sheds, one of which was owned by the city. Total loss estimated at \$150,000, of which the city loses \$25,000. The remainder falls upon the Philadelphia Gas Improvement Company.

SAVANNAH, Ga., February 4.—Jackson and Grier, Jones & Co., corner of Second and Broad streets, were burned last night. Loss, \$5,000—fully covered by insurance.

Mr. Thon's Masquerade Party.

A most enjoyable masquerade party was given at the residence of C. C. Thon (Seventeenth and Main streets) Wednesday night by the young ladies present to their gentlemen friends. Dancing was indulged in until 3 o'clock in the morning. The music was furnished by Professor Ed. Day, assisted by F. Marino, Professor Minor and Mrs. L. Hawkins led the grand march. Handsome prizes were awarded by Squire A. P. Montgomery to Miss Katie Essig, Mrs. L. Hawkins, William Tinker, and William Metzger. Among those present were: Misses Minnie Thon, as Barber; Rosa Thon, as Snow Queen; Clara Warner, as Queen; Laura Wagner as Mary Dow; Annie Snyder, Gypsy; Mrs. E. Fulcher, negress; Katie Essig, Night; Mrs. L. Hawkins, Gypsy Queen; Julia Gantzert, Nuts and Fruits; Lena Witte, Old Maid; Henrietta Miller, Red Riding Hood; Mary McCarthy, Milk Maid; Dora Kantwitz, Topsy Latest; Snyder, Fanny Girl; Tina Thon, Old Maid; Sophia Thon, Beggar; Matilda Rapp, Fruit-Girl; Bessie Kantwitz, Spanish Girl; Minnie Tinker and Lizzie Gundlach, Evening Dress; Messrs. R. W. Thon and L. Hawkins, Minstrels; Fred Beck, Sailor; Edward Metzger and William Tinker, George Washington; E. Steinman, Shipmate, United States Marine; William Briel, Bagman; William Rupp, Dutchman; J. Matzows, Clown; John McCarthy, Mephisto; T. Clancy, Chinese; Professor Minor, Domino; — Parker, Jew; — Snyder, Domino; L. Wittel, Negro Duke; — Jennings, Domino; H. Caravati, Negro Tourist; George Ehmg, Preacher; H. Fulcher, Duke; William Metzger, Negro; and many others.

The party was chaperoned by Mrs. C. C. Thon, Mrs. E. Norman, Mrs. Gantzert, Mrs. G. Haake, and Mrs. Wittel.

A Richmonder's Success.

Mr. John O'Donnell, a native of Richmond who entered the dramatic profession under the stage-name of John Ward six or seven years ago, has been making a hit in the legitimate line. The New York Times recently had a very complimentary notice concerning him, and spoken warm terms of his abilities as a farceur.

True Story of a Fox and a Goose.

(For the Dispatch.)

QUINTON, Va.

A friend of mine told me the following story, which I will never forget: He said his brother shot a wild goose and broke its wing. He took the goose home and tamed it. In the mean while he caught a young fox and tamed that also. One night the fox and goose went off. Of course he thought the fox had eaten the goose. They both stayed away a week exactly. One morning they both came back together. He kept them some time and afterwards sold the story to me in known throughout the county as a man of the strictest integrity and says he will vouch for the truth of it.

The Most Popular Melody of the City.

The Commercial Hotel, No. 912 east Main and 911 Bank street, under its new management is better equipped than ever before, and its restaurant offers to the public a most tempting menu in this or any other city (at its price), which is served between the hours of 1 and 3:30 P. M. Its supplies all the delicacies of the season, its refreshments are stocked with choice wines and liquors, and its rooms are elegantly furnished.

EATING IS COSTLY.

MARKED ADVANCE IN TABLE SUPPLIES.

Facts About Wholesale Prices, and an Explanation of Why They Are High.

If you don't think provisions are high ask the man with a wife and mother-in-law and thirteen children. He will convince you pretty soon. Unfortunately—or rather fortunately—humanity is compelled to eat, otherwise life would indeed be an "empty dream"; and what is more, the emptiness would not be entirely confined to dreams. Housewives have literally been on pins for the last five or six weeks, for the matter of supplying their tables is by no means an easy one. There are many reasons for the advance in prices, and the explanations involve a number of circumstances which it would take a whole dictionary to relate.

WHERE ARE THOSE MISSING HOGS?

In the first place 1,700,000 hogs that were expected by the merchants either weren't born or they haven't shown up, and so all kinds of pork meat is up—terribly up. Of course the hogs are not altogether to blame in the matter, but at the same time that doesn't alleviate our sufferings. The cold weather, too, has made their flesh more valuable, for it has been exceedingly difficult to transport the *disiecta membra* from the West (the great heaven of swine), and hence the wholesale grocers have raised their figures. They sell hams to dealers for 16 cents per pound and charge 14 cents for breasts and 11 for salt meat. Not satisfied with this, and the ever-manifest desire to make the American hog appreciated, they charge 13 cents per pound for pure lard and 10 for the common article.

CHEESE ISN'T JUMPING, THANK GOODNESS.

So what's anybody to do? Eat herring? Oh no! They have taken a rise of from 75c to 81 per barrel, while four hams have likewise made a small advance. Canned goods have gone up about 5c. The pound of cheese has jumped about 5c, but when summer comes it will get very vaminated.

After the wholesale grocer had told me all the facts which I have cited above he calmly informed me that his business had been just as good as ever. "Great Scott!" I said. "We've got to eat; you don't expect us to starve, do you?"

"No," he replied, with a chuckle which sounded like the jingle of dollars and cents; "but then you might make out on herring instead of ham."

OLD HARES GALORE.

In the last few days I have seen those horrible pop-eyed, bald-headed "old hares" everywhere I went. They have been served by my housekeeper at every meal, and have even begun to haunt me in my very dreams. Where they all come from is more than I can see. The storekeepers say the "bunnies" have been selling all the way from 2 to 12 cents apiece, and when the cold season was at its height the "Molly-cotton-tails" got so abundant that they almost had to give them away.

Thousands of the "varnats" have perished in the snow, and it is truly wonderful that all the little animals have not been exterminated.

That modest and unassuming vegetable, the Irish potato, has jumped up to \$1.10 and \$1.25 per bushel, as "bugs" helped to destroy the crop, which wasn't very good anyhow. Last year they could be bought for fifty and sixty cents. As for their first cousin, the sweet potato, why he's a little "upish" too. You can get a bushel of yellow ones for \$2.75, while the same quantity of yams can be purchased for fifty cents less.